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Request for Approval of the Cycle 4 Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines

Staff Report

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Cycle 4 Proposition 1 Grant Guidelines so that staff may post the Guidelines and open the Cycle 4 grant solicitation on August 1, 2018.

REQUEST BACKGROUND

Staff has revised the draft Grant Guidelines to incorporate feedback from the Board, public comments, and final internal revisions. All substantive changes to the document are explained in the table below.

If the Board approves the Grant Guidelines, staff will post the Guidelines to the Conservancy website and open the Cycle 4 solicitation on August 1, 2018.

The Grant Guidelines are included as an attachment to this report with areas of notable change explained in red italics in the body of the document. The table below catalogs all substantive changes, the reason for making the change, and the relevant page number(s) in the Grant Guidelines.

Table 1: Substantive Changes Made to the Cycle 4 Grant Guidelines

Change #	Change Made	Reason for Change	Page #
1	Language regarding pilot projects updated in Project Types subsection.	Encourage applicants to contact Conservancy to determine which requirements apply to proposed pilot project.	6-8
2	Added language in Ineligible Expenses subsection to specify that software may not be purchased using grant funds.	Align with Grant Agreement.	10-11
3	Added language regarding pilot projects to California Conservation Corps (CCC) subsection.	Inform applicants that pilot projects must complete CCC form.	20

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4	Added language regarding pilot projects to Water Rights subsection.	Inform applicants that pilot projects must provide water rights information, when relevant.	21-22
5	Added language regarding pilot projects to Performance Monitoring and Assessment subsection.	Inform applicants that pilot projects must provide performance monitoring and assessment information.	23-25
6	Revised standard performance measures to indicate priority ecosystem types, and created a new standard performance measure for agricultural acres in Performance Monitoring and Assessment subsection.	Provide more specificity about the performance measures applicants should be using.	22-24
7	In Budget Tables subsection, revised equipment description to include theft-sensitive items in definition of equipment and to clarify that the Conservancy will only reimburse for equipment costs proportionate to the equipment's use on the project funded by the Conservancy.	Provide clear guidance to applicants regarding considerations related to purchasing equipment with grant funds.	27-29
8	Added explanation of local support and how it can be demonstrated to the Demonstration of Local Support subsection.	Provide context for local support expectations.	30
9	Rearranged section IV of Appendix D: Land Acquisition Checklist.	Improve flow and clarity.	45-46

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